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Wisdom from Rabbi Metz
Go Forth!



The first great Jewish journey begins with two words: לֶךְ־לְךָ, Lech lecha, "Go forth."

Abraham leaves what is familiar and sets out toward a place he does not yet know. That journey becomes part of the foundation of Jewish memory. Ever since, travel has been woven into the Jewish story through pilgrimage, exile, return, study, migration, and the search for new possibility.

Travel can still change the way we see the world. A place we read about in a book becomes a landscape under our feet. History becomes more immediate when we stand where a community once lived, prayed, worked, celebrated, and struggled to survive. And when we travel with others, the journey becomes part of our shared story as well.

CAI is exploring a Jewish community cruise along Portugal's beautiful Douro River with Viking Cruises in April of 2028.

Portugal offers an especially rich setting for Jewish travel. Jewish communities flourished there for centuries and helped shape the intellectual, commercial, and cultural life of the Iberian Peninsula. That history also includes persecution, forced conversion, exile, and extraordinary efforts to preserve Jewish identity across generations.

To encounter Portugal as Jews is to experience that history within a landscape of remarkable beauty.

A river journey also creates a particular kind of community. There is time to explore during the day and then return to one another. There are meals shared around a table, conversations that continue after an excursion, and the chance to mark Shabbat far from home while still surrounded by Jewish community.

Along the Douro, Viking Cruises will provide the itinerary and excursions, while we hope to add something distinctly our own through Jewish learning, conversation, Shabbat, and communal connection.

Lech lecha begins with going somewhere new. The deeper Jewish story is about what we carry with us, what we discover along the way, and what becomes possible when we make the journey together.

We will hold an informational meeting on November 1 at 11 AM for anyone interested in learning more about the trip, including dates, costs, itinerary, and the Jewish experiences we hope to create along the way. There is no commitment required.

We hope you will join us in November to learn more.

B'Shalom,

Rabbi Sara Metz
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Cruise Information Breakfast

Sunday, November 1 at 11:00 am

A representative from Viking Cruises will join us to share information about the cruise, discuss possible Jewish-focused experiences, and answer your questions. No committment is required. A yummy breakfast is included!

RSVP to Kim Miller at ***EdAsst@caiaz.org*** to attend.

Executive Director's Message
Strengthening Our Community, Securing Our Future



Seeing so many of you during the High Holy Days & Fall Festivals was a wonderful reminder of what makes Congregation Anshei Israel so special. Whether we shared a conversation, exchanged sweet greetings, or simply smiled at one another, I am always grateful for the opportunity to reconnect. Your presence, participation, and generosity help sustain the Jewish home we share.

As we begin this new year, I am focused on strengthening that home, both for those who gather here today, and for the generations who will follow. Leading a synagogue requires careful stewardship, thoughtful planning, and a willingness to keep learning. At the heart of every budget, program, and operational decision is our responsibility to care for our community. That commitment is what makes this work sacred.

In October I attended a joint Shabbaton and conference of my professional organizations, the North American Association of Synagogue Executives (NAASE) and the National Association for Temple Administration (NATA). Having served on NAASE's Board of Directors, I value the exchange of experience and ideas among synagogue professionals. I am ready to implement practical tools and fresh perspectives to strengthen our operations, support our staff and volunteers, and serve our congregation more effectively.

That commitment to responsible stewardship also includes pursuing outside funding. I am pleased to share for the third consecutive year, CAI has received funding through The Tepper Foundation and Jewish Federations of North America Security Grant, which I applied for on our congregation's behalf through our partnership with the Jewish Philanthropies of Southern Arizona. These funds will help to defray a portion of our security costs for our children's programing.

At the end of October, we honored members of our Legacy Society who have shared that they included Congregation Anshei Israel in their estate plans. Their commitments embody *l'dor v'dor*, passing the strength of our Jewish community from one generation to the next. As we reinvigorate our Legacy Society, I invite you to join our Century of Giving campaign. In celebration of our approaching 100th anniversary in 2030, we are working toward a goal of 100 Legacy Society members. Including CAI in your estate plans helps sustain worship, learning, meaningful connections, and a place of belonging. **Gifts of every size make a difference.** Please reach out to me if you would like to learn more or have already included CAI in your plans and want to let us know. I would be grateful for the opportunity to thank you, welcome you to our Legacy Society, and include you in future recognition events.

I'm also excited to be putting together **From Clay to Karpas**, a two-session class this December with local artist Julie Szerina Stein. I hope you will join us as we learn how to form clay pinch pots in the first session, then paint and decorate them in the second. The pots will be finished before *Tu B'Shvat*, so we can use them to plant parsley seeds to grow for our Passover *seder* plates together. It's a wonderful opportunity to learn something new, connect with one another, and bring creativity and Jewish tradition together. See page 8 for more details and to RSVP.

Lastly, please use the qr code below to join me on December 6th at our Chanukkah Celebration, when our Men's Club will once again help to prepare a delicious brisket and latke dinner! I look forward to celebrating together and sharing the warmth and light of the holiday.

Thank you for the trust you place in me, and for all your contributions to CAI. Together, we are caring for our community today and building its future for tomorrow.

B'Shalom,

Debra Lytle, Executive Director
(520) 745-5550 ext. 242 • ***ExecDir@caiaz.org***

Brisket & Bright Lights

Sunday, December 6

5:30 pm Minyan 6:00 pm Dinner

Brisket Dinner prepared by CAI Men's Club
Dreidel Games • Latkes • Menorah Lighting

In the spirit of giving, please bring non-perishable food for the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona to help families in need celebrate the holidays.

$100 per family (up to 2 adults and 3 children)

$30 per adult (13+) • $20 per child

GUESTS: $40 per adult (13+) • $30 per child



Scan the QR Code to RSVP Today!

Address from our President
Conditioning



Are you worried that Artificial Intelligence (AI) is about to take over the world? It's hard to look at the news these days without encountering some exploration of how AI is changing our way of working, our lifestyle, or even our future as human beings. The *New York Times* religion correspondent, Elizabeth Dias, recently wrote an extensive article about how the company Anthropic is working to instill moral values into its AI model, Claude. Their reasoning is that a complex artificial neural network is initiated with a set of boundaries and rules, but as it grows, it achieves an increasing degree of independence in decision making. To be beneficial to individual users and human society in general, those decisions need to be informed by a system of values. That choice of values is a value judgment that leads right into the fundamental principles of the world's religions.

There is a spirited debate going on among AI developers and the religious thinkers engaged with them about the degree to which these human-designed systems are approaching consciousness. And the debate is equally spirited about how you get a machine to cultivate a set of moral values, given fundamental differences with the humans who have been inspired to produce those systems. As the Times reporter notes:

> *For humans, morality has rarely depended on simply following rules. Communities also shape morality. Values are inherited and imparted over time, learned as we live together in our bodies in the physical world. But AI models have no bodies...*

And each instance of an AI model is essentially autonomous, not needing to interact with a community to keep its behavior in check.

We learn a lot about ourselves in thinking about these increasingly capable AI networks. We realize that our Jewish culture insists that we go well beyond doing no harm: "All Israel is responsible for one another." And our Jewish tradition is based on the notion that we need constant conditioning to be aware of and act on our moral values. In fact, that traditional conditioning is prayer three times a day and as much study of traditional texts as we can fit into our working schedules.

Just like athletic conditioning, we all approach things differently. Some of us can run for miles, some of us are proud when we finish a short walk, and others of us are annoyed when the remote doesn't work and we have to get up to change the channel. Some of us engage in religious practice daily, some proudly appear on Shabbat or holidays, and for some of us, an annual affirmation on the High Holy Days is enough.

How do we stay anchored in this world of rapidly advancing AI, where more and more decisions will be made autonomously and with an uncertain outcome of the attempt to instill basic values? By asserting our commitment to our values as Conservative Jews, and in the spirit of what I said on Yom Kippur: taking one step this year toward increasing our conditioning, by increasing our involvement in CAI.

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Children, Teens & Families

B'Yahad & USY



We enjoyed a wonderful start to 5787 with holiday programming for B'Yahad, USY, and families! Some highlights included our High Holy Day Family Services, Tashlich at the Park, a meaningful Neilah to end Yom Kippur together, our B'Yahad and USY Sukkah Hop, and Simchat Torah fun! We also were thrilled to host an event with PJ Library, especially for our preschool-age families: "Shema Sweet Dreams!"

Watch your emails for upcoming Family Events planned by our Youth Committee! We are also looking forward to welcoming Kol Ami, Chaverim, and Bet Shalom for a special **B'Yahad Chanukkah Maccabiah & Family Celebration on December 6.** We will also be welcoming representatives from Camp Ramah and many other Jewish camps during our **Jewish Camp Fair** that day as well!

Join us for our NEW **Shabbat Squad morning service with me on November 7, 10:30am-12pm** as well as our **Shabbat Family Service on November 20 and December 11 at 5:45pm.** Look out for our family surveys so your child can sign up to lead part of the service on a week you can come! We also invite our little ones to join us for our **Tot Shabbat Service on November 13**!

Watch your inbox for details about our next USY & Kadima Events and Lounges: USY will be hosting Phoenix chapters at CAI on November 14-15 for a "Friendsgivikkah Lock-in" and will be having their **USY Chanukkah Party** on December 12. Kadima will be right after B'Yahad on November 22 & December 13.

Feel free to reach out with any questions, and we look forward to seeing you soon!

Nichole Chorny,
Cantorial Soloist and Education & Youth Director
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Shabbat Squad

Saturday, November 7th
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Rabbi Eisen Beit Midrash



Join Nichole Chorny and our youth leaders for a joyful, engaging Shabbat morning service designed especially for families with children. Sing, pray, connect, and celebrate Shabbat together! Please RSVP by Friday, November 6th.



Family Game Night & Havdalah

Saturday, November 14 at 6:00 pm in the Sukkah Area

Join us for a fun-filled evening of games, pizza, dessert, and Havdalah! Bring a new toy to donate to Aviva Children's Center to support children in foster care during the holidays. Play games, share the joy, and help make a difference in a child's life!

Sisterhood is off to a Great Start!

When we began planning ***Sisterhood in the Sukkah***, we thought we'd be happy to have 25 women join us. Then the invitations went out and the RSVPs kept coming and coming. Over 70 women gathered in the sukkah for a lovely dinner and an evening together!

With no formal program, just a chance to visit and get to know one another, we were able to connect and schmooze. We keep hearing the same thing – that women want opportunities to connect with other women - and this was a good place to start. We were glad to welcome familiar faces and new ones – a number of women who aren't currently CAI members attended.



So, what's next? That's something we'll decide together. We're starting from the ground up, and the surveys you filled out will help us plan. Nearly 80% were returned—thank you for sharing your thoughts! Luncheons and gatherings with interesting speakers were among the activities many of you would like to attend.

One question did get a clear answer: what should we call ourselves? The overwhelming choice was "Sisterhood."

Read It and Meet, ***Bubbe's Kitchen*** and the **Gift Shop** will continue, with more activities to take shape as we work through your suggestions. Thank you to everyone who joined us in the sukkah.

Watch for an email or text about a sisterhood Chanukkah happening coming soon!

Please reach out to Robyn Schwager, ***schwagermom@gmail.com*** with any questions or suggestions. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Read It and Meet



Please join Sisterhood after kiddush in Cantor Falkow Lounge for our monthly ***Read It and Meet*** to discuss a wide variety of books by Jewish authors and/or about Jewish themes. Everyone is welcome.

November 7	*Button Man* by Andrew Gross
December 12	*Fifth Avenue Glamour Girl* by Renée Rosen
January 9	*On Her Own* by Lihi Lapid
February 6	*Vera, Or Faith* by Gary Shteyngart
March 6	*Uncomfortable Conversations With a Jew* by Emmanuel Acho & Noa Tishby
April 3	*Isola* by Allegra Goodman

Mah Jongg Open Play



Wednesdays from 1:00 to 3:30 pm

Free, open to all, all levels welcome. Come join the fun!

From Bubbe's Kitchen

November 8 • 9:30 am

Bake, bond, and do a mitzvah! Join our CAI Bubbes as we fill the freezer with homemade treats for the community. Open to all adult members. RSVP using the QR Code (right.) Upcoming dates: 11/8/26, 1/10/27, 2/14/27, 3/28/27, 5/2/27.

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Please let us know your interest by emailing Toby B. Holtzman, the Bat Mitzvah Chair, at ***tholtzman@wlcj.org.***

Sisterhood



Congregation Anshei Israel's Sisterhood

Mah Jongg Card Orders

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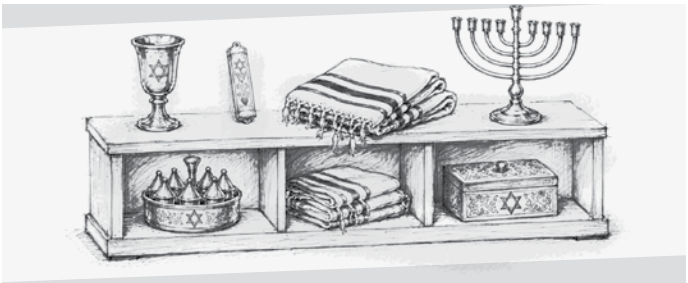
Sisterhood is now selling Mah Jongg cards for 2027.

Cards are priced at $16 each, or $18 each for cards with large print. For each card ordered,CAI receives $7.

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Judy Fishman
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Friday: 8:00 am – 10:00 am

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Men's Club

Men's Club Rolls On



We hope everyone had a meaningful and fulfilling holiday season - ***shana tova***! We're pleased to share our CAI Men's Club fall/winter programming, including ritual activities, Torah study, volunteer work, cooking and recreation:

Yasher Koach to Ron Gray and Michael Haber for coordinating our highly inspirational and inclusive Men's Club Shabbat on October 17, and thanks to all of you who participated - it was a very special Shabbat morning for the entire congregation.

Tuesday, November 17 - Back by popular demand: **Pizza and Parashah** with Ari Espinoza; the program begins with Minyan at 5:30, followed by pizza and Torah study at 6:00. All your favorite activities in one program: *davening*, learning and dining!

Sunday, December 6 - Bigger and better than ever, we will again be preparing the brisket and also making *latkes* for the Community Chanukkah celebration.

On or around December 25 - We would like to volunteer to help with Christmas dinner at a local non-profit providing meals to those in need. Stay tuned for more details regarding this special opportunity to give back to our broader Tucson community. If you know of a particular organization who could use our assistance, please reach out per the contact info below.

Sneak preview for January/February/March - hiking in Sabino Canyon, World Wide Wrap, and the return of our highly acclaimed ***Scotch & Steaks!***

If you've not paid your Men's Club dues yet, please do so as soon as you can. Your dues help us continue to build our new club and deliver quality programming for our constituents. 2026-27 dues are $36, and may be paid either by Zelle (using Zelle tag caimcz to designate CAI Men's Club as the payee) or by mailing/dropping a check to the synagogue payable to CAI Men's Club. Please reach out to Gregg Pollack (***gdp5607@gmail.com***) or Jeffrey Goldstein (***jbgold18@gmail.com***) with any questions or suggestions. We welcome your feedback.

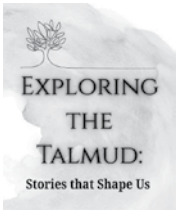
Parsha & Pizza, Nov 17:
Jacobs' Ladder: If G-d is in This Place, Is Exile Really So Bad?

Jacob's dream of a ladder from Earth to Heaven is one of the most recognizable stories from the *Tanakh*, where he declares that "G-d in this place and I did not know" Our *Parsha* & Pizza debate is going is going to ask if G-d is everywhere, is it really necessary to make *aliyah* or can exile be on equal footing with living in the Land of Israel?

Join Us!

Exploring the Talmud: *The Stories That Shape Us*

Thursdays on Zoom | 10:00 am
Returns October 22
Upcoming Dates: 10/22, 10/29, 11/5, 11/19, 12/3, 12/10, 12/17



Join our Thursday study group as we explore the Talmud, home of deep wisdom, spirited debates, and stories so quirky you'll wonder if the rabbis missed their calling as comedians.

Each week we'll explore one tale and what it can teach us today. No background needed, just curiosity and a sense of humor. Come learn, laugh a little, and discover timeless meaning in these ancient stories.

Check your email for details and Zoom link.

CRAFTernoons *with Rabbi Metz*

Sundays at 12:30 pm
Nov. 22, Dec. 13

Bring your knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, sketchbook or any craft you're working on and join Rabbi Metz for a relaxing afternoon of conversation, creativity, and a little time to connect.

Scan the QR code (right) to RSVP by the Thursday prior to each date so we can reserve enough seats. Location provided with RSVP. (Be sure to bring cash or card for food & drinks).

Medinat Yisrael: *The Book Club*

Wednesdays, November 18, December 16
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Location given with RSVP

Join Eva Kvaloesund to delve into the rich world of literature concerning the State of Israel, its triumphs and woes, its people(s) and its challenges.

Once a month, the club will meet to discuss a few chapters of the month's book, and learn more about the topic of the book in depth. If you've ever read an article about Israel and thought you're missing some of the story? This space is for you. Let's learn together!



Following God's Footprints *A Creative Thinking Workshop*

November 1, 8, 15 • 9:45 am to 10:45 am
$18 Per Person

Show your appreciation of God's divine creativity by enhancing the creative potential placed within you. In this 3-session workshop, Miriam Furst shares fun, unique activities designed to keep your brain strong, agile, and flexible. If you know you're creative, you'll love it. If you doubt you're creative, you're in for a big surprise! Please RSVP to attend by Friday, October 30 to ensure we have enough materials prepared.

From Clay to Karpas

December 1 & 15 • 6 PM
$80 per person - All materials included



Join local artist Julie Szerina Stein for a two-session clay workshop. In the first session, we'll learn hand-building techniques and form our own pinch pot, then return to paint and decorate it in the second. Pots will be finished before Tu B'Shvat, and ready for planting our parsley (karpas) seeds. **Participants must attend both sessions.** Limited space available. Please RSVP to attend by Monday, November 23.

DJ Bingo at Canyon's Crown

Tuesday, December 22 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
6958 E. Tanque Verde Rd.

Ron and Margo Gray are hosting the fun and festivities -reservations are sure to fill up fast! (Be sure to bring cash or card for food & drinks.)

Join Us!

Green Team Update

Many thanks to our congregants and staff who have enthusiastically been participating in the Orange Bag (hard to recycle plastics) recycling program at Kiddush!

There is a significant update to the program both at the synagogue and the city level. The Hefty ReNew (Orange Bag Program) is coming to an end, but the City of Tucson has partnered with ByFusion to continue the program at the local level.

The two main changes for our program:

1. We no longer need to use the Hefty ReNew orange bags; we will be transitioning to clear or transparent plastic bags (once we have used up our orange bags).

2. Styrofoam and foam packaging will no longer be accepted.

Did you know the majority of food thrown away is compostable?

The Green Team is implementing a composting program here at CAI! Composting is a great way to reduce waste, and decrease greenhouse gas emissions, embodying the mitzvot of ***Bal Tashchit*** (Do Not Waste) and ***Yishuv HaOlam*** (Sustaining the Environment). Stay tuned for more information!



Looking for an easy way to see everything happening this month?

Check out our Monthly Calendar on our website for our current offerings.
Scan the qr code or visit
caiaz.org/events-calendar

Social Action

Blood Drive

Sunday, December 13 from 9 am to 2 pm
Cantor Falkow Lounge (Use Craycroft doors)

To make an appointment, call the American Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org and enter Sponsor Code: Anshei

Blood donors should park under the solar panels in the west parking lot and enter through the southwest door (by the Linda Roy Youth Center).

Turkey & More Drive 2026

Now through November 13

CAI is coordinating this community drive for Jewish Family & Children's Services (JFCS) to provide Thanksgiving food for families in need. Please help with this cause to enhance the Thanksgiving celebration for these families.

We are accepting monetary donations only.

JFCS will then purchase gift cards to distribute safely.

Mail checks made payable to CAI, and note "Turkey & More" on it. You can also make a secure donation online at ***caiaz.org,*** or scan this QR Code.

Todah Rabah & Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Know Someone New to Tucson?



If you know someone new to the Tucson community who you believe would be interested in learning about CAI, please call Debra Lytle at (520) 745-5550, ext. 242, so we can speak to them about all of the many spiritual, educational, and social opportunities our synagogue has to offer!

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Services

Friday Evening Services

Shabbat Sovev Service & Dinner

Friday, November 6 at 5:45 pm
(Dinner at approximately 7 pm)

Join us for Shabbat Sovev, our Kabbalat Shabbat experience with our community davening together in concentric circles in the Rabbi Eisen Beit Midrash. This service will be both in-person and on Zoom. After the service, join us for a delicious chicken dinner and dessert. (Vegetarian option is available upon request). Be sure to RSVP for dinner by Wednesday, November 4.

Tot Shabbat Service & Dinner

Friday, November 13 at 5:45 pm

All families are warmly invited to join us for Tot Shabbat, especially those with children in 1st grade and younger! We'll sing, share a story, welcome Shabbat together, and enjoy a yummy chicken dinner afterward. Be sure to RSVP by Wednesday, November 11.

Family Shabbat Service & Dinner

Friday, November 20 at 5:45 pm
(Dinner at approximately 7 pm)

Join us for a family-friendly Shabbat service, geared towards those in 1st grade and up, in the Rabbi Eisen Beit Midrash. After the service, join us for a delicious chicken dinner and dessert. (Vegetarian option is available upon request). Please RSVP for dinner by Wednesday, November 18.

Family Shabbat Service & Chanukkah Dinner

Friday, December 11 at 5:45 pm
(Dinner Approx. 7 pm)

Join us for a family-friendly Shabbat service in the Rabbi Eisen Beit Midrash & on Zoom, followed by Shabbat dinner and dessert (vegetarian option available by request). Please RSVP for dinner by Wednesday, December 9.

Shabbat Sovev Service & Dinner

Friday, December 18 at 5:45 pm
(Dinner at approximately 7 pm)

Join us for Shabbat Sovev, our Kabbalat Shabbat experience with our community davening together in concentric circles in the Rabbi Eisen Beit Midrash. This service will be both in-person and on Zoom. After the service, join us for a delicious chicken dinner and dessert. (Vegetarian option is available upon request). Be sure to RSVP for dinner by Wednesday, December 16.

Saturday Morning Shabbat Services

Hybrid Shabbat Morning Services

9:30 am Saturdays in the Rabbi Eisen Beit Midrash & On Zoom

Daily & Weekly Services

HYBRID Evening Minyan

Tuesdays* & Thursdays at 5:30 pm

In-person in the Rabbi Eisen Beit Midrash & on Zoom
*Learner's Minyan - Slower Pace

HYBRID Morning Minyan

Fridays at 7:30 am

In-person in the Rabbi Eisen Beit Midrash & on Zoom, followed by a light breakfast.

Morning & Evening Minyan

CAI has updated our minyan schedule to better support those saying Kaddish and marking yahrzeits. Along with our regularly scheduled services, we're moving to a "Minyan By Request" model. Please scan the QR code (right) or visit our website at caiaz.org after Shabbat if you would like to request a future minyan to say Kaddish for a loved one.



Candle Lighting Times for Shabbat & Yom Tov

November 6	**5:11 pm**
November 13	**5:06 pm**
November 20	**5:02 pm**
November 27	**5:00 pm**
December 4	**5:00 pm**
December 11	**5:01 pm**
December 18	**5:03**
December 25	**5:07**

Catching Up

See what great events you may have missed

Clockwise from top right: **Crafternoons** is always a big hit; **USY** Disneyland trip; casting away our sins (symbolically) at ***Tashlich;*** **Shred-a-Thon** was a successful event! Everyone that came was super appreciative; we shred over 4,000 lbs of paper. All of the shred is recycled into paper products such as paper towels and toilet tissue; **Men's Club** was on a roll; a sweet surprise just in time for a sweet new year! Thank you to the **Tucson JCC Taglit** participants for creating this beautiful artwork to show their appreciation for our partnership. We loved welcoming you to our campus this summer!

















Catching Up

See what great events you may have missed

Clockwise from top left: Celebrating together with **PJ Library**, ***Rosh Chodesh Elul;***
The **High Holy Days Review Brunch**; Dedicating our new **Shalom Space**













Catching Up

See what great events you may have missed

Clockwise from top left: Rabbi Metz and Rabbi Aaron at ***Kindling Hope***; ***The Green Team*** meets with Technicians for Sustainability to review our solar system***; Hoshanah Rabbah***; **Blessing of the Pets; B'Yahad & USY Sukkah Hop; Sisterhood in the Sukkah**

















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המקום ינחם אתכם

The congregation mourns the loss of our members:

Barry Friedman
Boris Kozolchyk
Marsha Rosenblum

Our condolences to those who mourn the loss of their loved ones:

Dr. Jack Pinnas & Susan Wortman: Sister and Sister-in-Law, Gloria Chalawsky

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Mazal Tov!

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November

Date	Years
2 ..... Judith & Ted Direnfeld	**69**
6 ..... Debbie & Ryan Buhler	5
8 ..... Heather & Michael Gordon	23
14.... Bettie & Murray Baker	**50**
14.... Margie & Robert Douglas	**56**
20 ... Anna & Myron Rottenstein	43
23.... Sue & Ernie Shack	**54**
24 ... Vicki & Phillip Pepper	**52**
28 ... Eve Scarborough & John Kaufmann	44
29 ... Cynthia & Robert Neuman	43

December

1..... Peggy & Richard Langert	47
6 ..... Felicia & Ari Cohen	28
6 ..... Rita & Martin Hall	**53**
7..... Adrienne & Lawrence O'Hare	42
10 ... Evonne & Alan Ravitz	**62**
19.... Joan & Dennis Rosen	44
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30 ... Beth & Barry Gumerove	48
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We are happy to announce the birth of:

Judah Tor

Parents: Naomi & Joshua Tor

Sisters: Josephine, Violet & Cleo Tor

Grandparents: Deborah Oseran & Bobby Present, Rabbi Stephanie & Dr. Jack Aaron

Great-Grandmother: Nancy Present

Marriage

We are happy to announce the marriage of:

Ricci-Lee Hotz & Shane Meuwissen

Ricci-Lee is the daughter of Wendy & Raymond Hotz, and the Granddaughter of Jessie Joffe

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